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U. S. Representative Lois Capps
1428 Chapala Street
Santa Barbara, California 93101

Re: Genetically Engineered Products

Dear Representative Capps:

I am one of the thousands of Americans deeply concerned about the proliferation of genetically engineered products in our food supply. I urge you to help implement the following governmental actions immediately to protect the public and our environment:

1. Full and accurate labeling of all genetically engineered foods and food ingredients, giving consumers the right to know what they are eating;
2. Stringent, independent, and long-term testing of all genetically engineered products before they are released into the environment;
3. United States leadership in implementing worldwide, scientifically credible regulation of all genetic engineering activities;
4. Adoption of legislation to hold the makers of gene-altered products fully liable for any harm or unforeseen consequences caused by their products; and
5. A moratorium on the introduction of any new genetically engineered organisms until the above actions are taken.

I feel very strongly about this issue, but up to now I haven't known what or to whom to write about it. I found this language in Organic Gardening magazine, and I think it is very comprehensive. Many of us consumers have felt powerless in this area. The obvious corruption at FDA with the revolving door of Monsanto executives leads us to believe that we will not be heard even if we speak out.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

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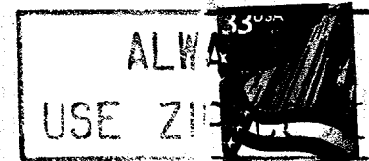
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